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SUBJ: PERMREP MEETING WITH UNESCO DG RE JAN. 26-30

MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS FOR PREPARATION

OF A DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE

REFS: (A) STATE 007723 (B) USUN 0071

1. PERMREP MET WITH DG M'BOW ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR LATE

EVENING MONDAY, JANUARY 12. CONVERSATION PROVIDED

INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REFTELS 1/13. M'BOW WAS

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INFORMED OF US DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN

JANUARY 26TH MEETING. M'BOW DID NOT EXPRESS SURPRISE OR REGRET.

2. M'BOW SAID HE WAS WORKING TO SEE TO IT THAT THE JAN. 16 MEETING DID NOT RESULT IN THE ADOPTION OF ANY RESOLUTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SAID THAT AS OF NOW ONLY A FEW STATES HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE AND UNLESS A "SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER" DECIDED TO ATTEND, HE WOULD HAVE REASON TO POSTPONE THE MEETING. M'BOW WOULD NOT STATE HOW MANY MEMBERS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD.

3. M'BOW CONTINUED THAT IF THE MEETING IS LIMITED ONLY TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION, A WORKING GROUP WOULD BE SET UP TO DRAFT A DOCUMENT FOR PRESENTATION EITHER TO A LATER MEETING, TO BE HELD BEFORE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, OR REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

4. PERMREP AGAIN STRESSED THE EXTREME IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE ZIONISM ISSUE AND THE DAMAGE THAT WILL BE DONE THE ORGANIZATION IF IT IS MADE PART OF THE DE-CLARATION OR ANY RESOLUTIONS. M'BOW SAID HE IS WELL AWARE OF THE STRONG VIEWS HELD BY THE US AND DID NOT NEED TO BE REMINDED AGAIN. HE SAID HE HAS FOLLOWED THE ISSUE CLOSELY AND HAS BEEN KEPT ABREAST OF PRESS REPORTING. M'BOW EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE AT THE PRESS COVERAGE DURING AND AFTER THE DECEMBER MEETING ON MASS COMMUNICATIONS, STATING THAT THE MEETING WAS NOT OF A UNESCO GOVERNING BODY AND ITS CONCLUSIONS WERE OF NO EFFECT ON UNESCO POLICIES.

5. M'BOW ALSO COMMENTED ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO CAIRO WHERE HE MET WITH THE MINISTERS OF EDUCATION OF THE ARAB STATES. HE SAID HE SPOKE WITH UTMOST CANDOR AND FRANKNESS TO THEM. M'BOW SAID HE BLAMED THEM, THE MILITANT ARABS, PARTICULARLY SUCH UNESCO PERMANENT DELEGATES AS ALGERIA AND IRAQ, FOR CREATING UNNECESSARY TENSIONS AND URGED THE MINISTERS TO EXERCISE MORE CONTROL OVER THEIR PERMANENT DELEGATES. M'BOW SAID THESE PEOPLE OFTEN ACT WITHOUT OR EXCEED INSTRUCTIONS.

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M'BOW SAID HE HAD MENTIONED THE PARTICULAR PROBLEM OF THE ALGERIAN PERMANENT DELEGATE, WHO IS THE RING LEADER, TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA.

6. COMMENT: M'BOW WAS FIRM IN HIS ASSURANCE THAT THE ZIONISM ISSUE WOULD NOT BE VOTED UPON AT THE JAN. 26 MEETING. HE DID NOT MENTION, BUT WAS OBVIOUSLY MAKING

DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE FORUAL PROPOSED BY THE EEC NINE AND SEEMS TO HAVE ADOPTED IT AS THE BEST WAY TO AVOID THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, M'BOW APPEARED SOMEWHAT TENSE AND VERY TIRED. HE APPEARS ON THE VERGE OF ARRIVING AT A STATE WHERE HIS EMOTIONS MAY GET THE BETTER OF HIS JUDGMENT. M'BOW IS PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT, WHAT HE REFERS TO AS THE CONTINUING STRONG ATTACKS IN THE PRESS AGAINST UNESCO AND OFTEN AGAINST HIM PERSONALLY. IN THE VIEW OF PERMDEL, M'BOW CANNOT GIVE FIRM GUARANTEE THAT THE ZIONISM ISSUE WILL NOT BE MADE PART OF A RESOLUTION OR RECOMMENDATION AT THE JAN. 26 MEETING. IF THE ARABS ARE DETERMINED TO DO SO, THEY CAN PRESS FOR A RESOLUTION OR RECOMMENDATION INCORPORATING THEIR ATTACK ON ZIONISM. IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF THE MEETING IS LIMITED TO A DISCUSSION, THE ARABS WILL SURELY RAISE THE ISSUE IN STRONG TERMS AND SEE TO IT THAT IT BECOMES PART OF THE RECORD. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT THE ARABS WOULD INSIST ON SOME SORT OF DIRECT RECOMMENDATION TO A WORKING GROUP WHICH WOULD INSURE ITS INCLUSION OF THE ZIONISM ISSUE IN WHATEVER DOCUMENTS ARE FINALLY PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. BASED ON PAST UNESCO PERFORMANCE PERMDEL DOES NOT FEEL M'BOW HAS THE POWER TO HOLD BACK THE MILITANT ARABS. KAY AMONG LATTER ARE ALGERIA, IRAQ, LEBANON AND SAUDI ARABIA. HE TENDS TO OVEREMPHASIZE HIS INFLUENCE IN THIS REGARD. UNLESS THE MILITANT ARABS RECEIVE FIRM INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS THEY PROBABLY CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY RESTRAINED. THE EFFECT OF THE M'BOW MEETING IN CAIRO IS DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE, BUT WE WOULD TEND TO DOWNPLAY M'BOW'S RATHER OPTIMISTIC ACCOUNT OF THE EFFECT OF HIS PLEAS. FURTHER THE FORMULA PROPOSED BY THE NINE IS COMPLICATED AND CUMBERSOME. IN A HEATED  
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MEETING IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT IT CAN BE KEPT IN TACT UNDER A SUSTAINED ATTACK BY THE ARAB MILITANTS. IN ANY CASE, M'BOW WILL NOT BE IN PARIS FOR THE OPENING OF THE RACISM MEETING. HE HAS TO BE PRESENT AT THE OPENING OF THE UNESCO SPONSORED MINISTERS OF EDUCATION OF AFRICAN STATES IN LAGOS ON JAN. 26. WHEN ASKED, HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET BACK TO PARIS FOR PART OF THE RACISM SESSIONS, BUT THIS IS DOUBTFUL GIVEN HIS STRONG RELIANCE ON AFRICAN MINISTERS FOR SUPPORT. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY THE NINE AND HOW DILLIGENT THEY ARE IN WORKING BOTH WITH M'BOW AND WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS.

7. PERMDEL WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH KEY NINE MEMBERS AT GENEVA GROUP MEETING ON AFTERNOON

OF JAN. 13, WHICH WILL FOLLOW MORNING MEETING OF  
UNESCO NINE GROUP, AND WILL REPORT BY SEPTEL LATEST  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON STATUS OF INSTRUCTIONS AND  
NINE THINKING.

8. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH M'BOW WILL BE RE-  
PORTED BY SEPT.  
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